

WHITE WHALE LAKE

Your correspondent has been so busy for some time past that he has not had time to keep up a regular account of the doings hereabouts.

The recent thaw has started the most of the stories of the hunt for bear and chicken. The fish supply has fallen off, so they have to look elsewhere for a food supply. The allowances from the government are considered altogether inefficient for maintenance. In fact if the ration houses were closed entirely except for aged, infirm, sick and helpless ones it would be a blessing in disguise; for it would compel the able bodied ones to start regular cultivation of the soil, the only reasonably sure mode of making a living. When they go off on the hunt they take the whole family along. The exposure of the little ones to all the trying changes of such a life with the few almost constantly wet, means cold, catarrh, pneumonia and consumption. In 12 months 10 children have died—nearly all from consumption. The parents would give anything to have their children at a boarding school on the reserve if we could have such a boon. But that seems at present unattainable.

A day school under existing conditions cannot be made a success. Not until the people consent to give up their hunter life and settle down close together near the school can it be possible for a day school to prosper.

The reports that "reached the reserve" concerning small pox caused a few to take alarm and to hasten to the bush, and to "keep the lake to avoid the doctor and the disease. Almost all who remained at home were vaccinated without any dissent.

The lumber camps near by on the river have been the centres of marked activity. The nearer camp was a union one, Messrs. Fraser, McLean and Fries were getting out a supply for Walter & Humbert. Besides these there was a small party party under Messrs. McKinlay and McPherson working for a firm at Fort Saskatchewan. If all there were nearly or quite 100 men engaged. A better class of men is seldom seen in the territory. The writer to meet, cheerful, energetic and manly. Our missionary, Mr. Lent, has been visiting them at regular intervals during the winter and has always had a most cordial reception. One of the men, 50 years of experience in lumber camp, said he never saw a crowd of lumbermen pay such profound attention to a service as in this camp. It was a well deserved tribute to the worth and conduct of these men, most of whom are settlers in this Edmonton district anxious to get ahead. On one of Mr. Lent's visits he gave a lecture on alcohol and its effects on the body, on the purse and on politics. Illustrated by a magic lantern. For three hours the men drank in the facts as told in word, song and picture. At the close they took a characteristic mode of showing their appreciation by presenting him with a handsome subscription.

The winter has been a most charming one, not over much snow, not very severe cold and generally delightful days.

TERRITORIAL LAW SOCIETY.

Regina Leader.

A meeting of the members of the law society of the Northwest Territories was held in the court house on Monday week. All the members being present. A large amount of business was transacted and the following officers were elected: W. C. Hamilton, Esq., C. E. Beggs, Esq. (for the third time), N. D. Beck, Esq., C. E. Hamilton, Esq., N. D. Beck, Esq., Edmonton, vice-president; N. Mackenzie, Esq., secretary; The Hon. Mr. Justice, Finance and Library—Messrs. Muir, Beck and McCarthy. Examining, legislation and discipline—Messrs. McKay, Elwood, Campbell and Leitch. Reporting and printing—E. L. Elwood with president and secretary. Meeting adjourned to meet at the call of the president.

THE DAWSON OF TO-DAY.

(Special correspondence.)

Dawson and the Yukon Territory is not now to the Yukon what it was a terra incognita as it was four or five years ago. What changes have taken place in three years in this territory is an outside to believe, a mining camp composed of a few log buildings in 1897, to-day it has assumed the title of the metropolis of the Yukon, a city containing as this buildings as many larger cities in England. The streets are paved with asphalt, the electric lights, telephone, street cars to be put in next summer, and the railways on the creeks, and all this is but the beginning of the development of the Yukon. The territory is so vast that but little has yet been prospected, and every year some new creeks are opened. Gold is found all over this vast territory, and besides gold there are copper mines, coal, quartz carrying gold and silver; and although it will be a mining country yet will be open to keep a good, hardy population. The hardest vegetables can be grown, so can barley and oats, and even wheat in small quantities has ripened on the hillside. Wild fruits such as cranberries, raspberries, blueberries, both high and low bush, red and black currants, and many others grow in great profusion. What a lot to hear about! Manitoba and the Northwest Territories in '99, down east was to the effect that it was only fit for trappers and what a splendid country have we in the Northwest, and so it will be in a mining point of view. Alberta and the Northwest Territory will surprise us with our cereals, meat, etc., and we will return will return it in gold.

This winter has been a very severe one, we have had as much cold weather as we care to have, 70 below is a pretty low temperature and as an example we have been for a week in the 40s to 50 below.

There has been also a good deal of sickness, small pox, last fall, and this winter pneumonia and influenza have been the prevailing complaints.

We are also in the throes of an epidemic of mad dog and many people have been bitten. This is not a light matter for a country like this, where dogs are so universally used. Thirty to fifty dogs have already been killed who had the rabies and as these dogs have bitten many others, we have a difficult problem on hand, which may perhaps be the cause of utter anni-

lilation of the canine family in the Yukon.

I have seen but very few persons from Edmonton, the winter, however, went off to the American side last summer, Robertson is driving dogs for the N. A. T. Matheson, I am told, is on Bonanza, Bonanza is in Dawson and will soon go down to Forty Mile where he has some interest. Herbert is on the Stewart prospecting and trapping. Hardisty, Bordeaux and Fallandau went out last fall.

A great deal of preparatory work is done for the summer. Not much work is done in winter as in summer. Since the advent of steam plants ground can be worked at less cost and more easily in summer than in winter, and in consequence many men are idle.

Quite a camp will be in operation on the Stewart river on one of its tributaries, (Clear Creek) where good prospects were discovered last fall.

Good roads are now the order of the day the government seeing that this country is bound to go ahead, is doing all it can to facilitate the development of its mining resources.

The mining law is altered to suit the mine and prospectors, and the honorable the minister of the interior is to be congratulated on the able manner in which he is taking hold of any questions affecting the welfare of the Yukon and remedying any evils which may in the past have existed. The officials in the different departments of the government are doing better, and very seldom any words are heard derogatory of them.

Law and justice is carried on here, as in all other parts where the British flag is displayed, without fear or favor, or regard for race or color.

The N. W. M. P. have as in the Northwest earned the gratitude of the multitude for their faithfulness in keeping law and order, and they deserve for a better set of men should not be gathered together.

L. COUTURE.

MACDONALD MANUAL TRAINING FUND.

Prof. Robertson has distributed another portion of the \$10,000 which Sir William C. Macdonald, of Montreal, donated to be distributed in cash prizes, to encourage and stimulate Canadian boys and girls who live on farms to observe closely and select carefully seed grain according to a scientific and practical system. The names of those in the territory who have been successful in winning prizes with 100 selected heads of oats, are as follows:

Ann H. Bourne, Innisfail, \$25.00

Talbot E. Stueck, Abernethy, 20.00

Floyd M. Strong, Olds, 15.00

S. Kraham, Sulco, 12.00

James M. Guthrie, Adair, 10.00

Hubert Anslow, Wascana, 8.00

McDonald, Forest, Flot Springs, 5.00

Walter Strong, Olds, 5.00

Arthur Mitchell, Grenfell, 5.00

BEAVER LAKE EAST.

Mr. Morrison, who has been very ill with pneumonia, is recovering and we hope to see him perfectly well soon. There has been a good deal of sickness here, but neither chicken nor small pox.

Donald McCallum's house is approaching completion, and will be quite a conspicuous object on the lake shore.

Your correspondent "Individual" makes exception, it seems, to some of my remarks about the sayings and doings of a certain teacher of our school district. So far as I can learn, his neighbors think I dealt very gently with the person spoken of by long chalk to suit the case. As to "Individual's" remarks about the high school here, I wish to state: 1st. He says the person complained of paid extra to the school for three years. This is false. Extra payments were made only in 1899 and 1900, and for the latter year this person still owes \$125 of the amount he agreed to pay.

2nd. He wishes to know who informed him that the person spoken of was a trustee. A man named Brown, who is accepted at present amongst his neighbors, and he has stated that the party used language unfit to repeat.

3rd. As to the teacher's receiving benefit, he did his duty and received no more than his work was worth. Had the taxpayer objected to the fifty standard word before, he would have dropped it. The inspector has a perfect right to order such extra teaching, but the person spoken of was doing his duty, and he was not to be taken advantage of by a man who would like to run everything, and this person is one of them. He has risked it all in an improvement district and church matters as well, without much success.

March 15, '01.

Battleford Star, March 9th: The half-breed Hanello, who was wounded last week while trying to arrest an Orion lake, was brought back on Monday. Besides the bullet in the hip he carried in the other leg a charge of buckshot received some time ago. He was doing time at the Fort last fall for horse stealing but managed to dig his way out with a knife, putting the brick and mud which he dug out in a sack under his bed. When ready to go, he placed the sack in his hand so as to represent a person sleeping, deceiving the sentry by this ruse until he got away in safety. Since then he has been living at Frog lake and when captured he had just arrived in Orion lake to try to steal a horse with which to continue his travels. His wound, though painful, is not serious. The doctor has taken the fleshy part of the hip and flattened it on the bone.

Hon. J. H. Ross, the Yukon commissioner, was entertained at a luncheon at Mossy Jaw on Tuesday, the 19th inst., and also to dine at Regina on the following day. Both banquets were given in their nature and entirely free from politics. Committees were appointed consisting of persons of both political parties. Mr. Ross expects to leave Vancouver on the 24th or 25th inst., by the steamer leaving there for Skegway.

Battleford Star: There are no new developments in the small pox situation. It has not receded here and seems to be confining its operations to the west of us. Twenty cases of a mild nature are reported from Orion lake.

Dr. B. Prentice telegraphed to the Regina government stating that an epidemic disease had appeared at Orion lake and as a result, Mr. Macdonald went up there this week to report on the epidemic.

At the sitting of the full court last judgment was given against the committee of the Regina Musical Society, for infringement of copyright in playing the "Pirates of Penzance."

The last account of the "Pirates of Penzance" was for \$35, the royalty claimed, with costs, which amounts to several hundred dollars.

Fruits of the Season

Navel Oranges,
Extra Fancy
Lemons,
Golden Russet
Apples.

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McDonald St., next McCauley's Office

Choice Farm for Sale.

I have for sale the farm of A. D. McDougall, Lamont, situated, six miles N. W. of Fort Saskatchewan, 24 miles from Edmonton, within 2 miles of school and traversed by the Sturgeon River. Includes the whole section, 640 a. res. 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SUPREME COURT.

Supreme court opened here Tuesday, at 10 o'clock, before Mr. Justice Scott. On the opening of court Mr. Beck introduced to the court Mr. W. A. Grisebach, as "the youngest member of the bar, and one who had lately returned from Africa." He is a young, formally bowed, their mutual acknowledgment of the introduction.

The prisoners, five in number, stood in charge of a detail of two S. W. M. P. constables. Chamber was taken up and occupied the attention of the court and nearly none of the

Boardman's appeal against the decision of the magistrate by whom he was fined for selling liquor after prohibited hours was disallowed. A technicality had not been complied with by the appellant's solicitor, and the omission was fatal to the appeal. Money costs were assessed against the appellant.

The appeal of Joe Lavigne, of Beaumont, against his conviction for selling liquor without a license, was withdrawn by the appellant.

"I am pleased to see you back again, Mr. Jamison," was his lordship's greeting to the young, mounted rifleman, who arose from among his brother barristers to ask for leave to attend a statement of claim.

A few minutes before the trial began twelve the prisoners were arranged before the bar; Henry Anson, charged with the same offence, pleaded not guilty and elected to be tried without a jury. The crown prosecuted and J. C. B. Brown for the accused.

The second case, the crown prosecuted and J. C. B. Brown for the accused. The case was then adjourned until ten o'clock Thursday morning.

Friday, March 23rd. The jury went out at half past eleven and returned in half an hour with a verdict of not guilty. The accused were thereupon discharged.

The case of Interman, forger, is in progress this afternoon before a jury.

LOCAL.

—Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Jackson, of the Alberta, returned from the east Monday.

—Trooper D. E. Adams, of the C. M. R., returned from the east in Wednesday's train.

—The sale on live stock between points on C. & E. line has been reduced 25 per cent.

—At a meeting of the fire brigade, held last week, Geo. P. Parnow was re-elected assistant chief.

—More than 250 persons have already arranged to remove from Kansas to the Territories this year.

—Quartermaster Sergt. Rorrick, late of the N. W. M. P., Fort Saskatchewan, has withdrawn from the force.

—R. Wylie has received instructions to withdraw the old immigration shed and warehouse at the station, Strathcona, removed to a position beside the new building.

—The Edmonton Bottling Works are adding to their plant a large cold-air-blast condenser, to use in the manufacture of soft drinks and aerated waters.

—Rev. Richard Cox, of the Landing, leaves in the morning for Banff. Mr. Cox has been for some weeks suffering from inflammatory rheumatism.

—A. E. Johnson, died at the General Hospital here Wednesday, from a lingering attack of consumption. The deceased was formerly timber ranger here. The funeral takes place this afternoon.

—If settlers keep coming at the present rate there can be no doubt that the census will show us well equipped to receive them. Hundreds turned up the other day from the States for the country between Old and New.

—G. H. V. Baylen, commissioner of agriculture in the Territorial government, will arrive on to-night's train to consider the recent epidemic now being under control.

—Jas. Price, of Belmont, has disposed of his farm and will, on Wednesday, sell his stock and effects by public auction, W. S. Robertson being auctioneer. Mr. Price, with his family, intends leaving shortly for Butte, California.

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—The sale on live stock between points on C. & E. line has been reduced 25 per cent.

—At a meeting of the fire brigade, held last week, Geo. P. Parnow was re-elected assistant chief.

—More than 250 persons have already arranged to remove from Kansas to the Territories this year.

—Quartermaster Sergt. Rorrick, late of the N. W. M. P., Fort Saskatchewan, has withdrawn from the force.

—R. Wylie has received instructions to withdraw the old immigration shed and warehouse at the station, Strathcona, removed to a position beside the new building.

—The Edmonton Bottling Works are adding to their plant a large cold-air-blast condenser, to use in the manufacture of soft drinks and aerated waters.

—Rev. Richard Cox, of the Landing, leaves in the morning for Banff. Mr. Cox has been for some weeks suffering from inflammatory rheumatism.

—A. E. Johnson, died at the General Hospital here Wednesday, from a lingering attack of consumption. The deceased was formerly timber ranger here. The funeral takes place this afternoon.

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